

Amendments To The Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Canceled)

2. (Currently Amended) The singling device as set forth in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, comprising in the longitudinal direction adjacent to the first tendering position and on the side opposite to the working site, a reject deposit position, at which defective sheet metal panels and/or sheet metal panel stacks may be deposited with two or more unsingled sheet metal panels.

3. (Currently Amended) The singling device as set forth in ~~claim 1~~ claim 2, wherein in ~~[[a]]~~ the second longitudinal position thereof the longitudinal conveying means bridges over the first tendering position.

4. (Currently Amended) The singling device as set forth in claim 3, wherein in a the second longitudinal position thereof the longitudinal conveying means conveys the defective sheet metal panels and/or sheet metal panel stacks deposited ~~on~~ at thereon by means of the lifting means, past the first tendering position to the deposit position.

5. (Currently Amended) The singling device as set forth in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, comprising at the first and/or second tendering position at least one pull-apart means ~~and more especially at least one pull apart magnet~~ for pulling off the respectively top sheet metal panel clear of one or more underlying sheet metal panels.

6. (Currently Amended) The singling device as set forth in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein the longitudinal conveying means includes a conveyor belt.

7. (Currently Amended) The singling device as set forth in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, wherein the conveying means of the longitudinal conveying means are opposite to each other in the first and in the second longitudinal position.

8. (Currently Amended) The singling device as set forth in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, comprising a detection means for unsingled panels, in the case of which the lifting means has lifted more than one sheet metal panel from the first and/or second stack.

9. (Currently Amended) The singling device as set forth in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, comprising a first and/or a second transverse conveying means, ~~more particularly~~ in the form of transport carriages, for tendering the first or, respectively,

the second sheet metal panel stack at the first or,
respectively, second tendering position.

10. (Currently Amended) The singling device as set forth in ~~claim 1~~ claim 12, comprising a second longitudinal conveying means arranged between the second tendering position and the working site, the panels being transferred in the first longitudinal position of the first longitudinal conveying means from the first longitudinal conveying means and in the second longitudinal position of the first longitudinal conveying means from the lifting means to the second longitudinal conveying means.

Claim 11. (Canceled)

12. (New) A singling device for singling sheet metal panels comprising two tendering positions arranged one after the other in the longitudinal direction to offer a respective sheet metal panel stack, said two tendering positions being provided with a single lifting means able to be reciprocated in the longitudinal direction for lifting individual sheet metal panels and for feeding the sheet metal panels in the longitudinal direction to a working site,
wherein a longitudinal conveying means is arranged between the two tendering positions,

wherein the longitudinal conveying means is able to be moved in the longitudinal direction,

wherein the longitudinal conveying means in a first longitudinal position moved toward the working site terminates adjacent to the first tendering position and bridges over the second tendering position so that the lifting means feeds the sheet metal panels lifted from the first sheet metal panel stack onto the longitudinal conveying means and the longitudinal conveying means conveys the metal panels toward the working site, and wherein in a second longitudinal position the longitudinal conveying means is moved away from the working site and clears the second tendering position so that the lifting means can lift metal panels from the sheet metal panel stack at the second tendering position.

13. (New) A method of singling sheet metal panels comprising the steps of:

providing a first and a second tendering position wherein two sheet metal panel stacks can be respectively located;

arranging conveying means between the first and the second tendering position;

locating a single lifting means which reciprocates over and in the longitudinal direction of the conveying means for lifting an individual sheet metal panel from the sheet

metal panel stack located in the first or second tendering position onto the conveying means to a working site;

moving the conveying means into a first position in the longitudinal direction of the conveying means toward the working site wherein the conveying means terminates adjacent to the working site and bridges over the second tendering position;

lifting an individual sheet metal panel from the sheet metal panel stack in the first tendering position with the lifting means when the conveying means is in the first position and feeding said lifted sheet metal panel onto the conveying means;

moving the conveying means into a second position in the longitudinal direction of the conveying means away from the working site which clears the second tendering position; and

lifting an individual sheet metal panel from the sheet metal panel stack in the second tendering position with the lifting means when the conveying means is in the second position and feeding said sheet metal panel to the working site.

14. (New) The singling device as set forth in claim 5, wherein the at least one pull-apart means are pull-apart magnets.